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SUBJ: (C) ALLEGED LETTER FROM DISAPPEARED ARGENTINE JARA DE CABEZAS

1. (C) SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: EMBASSY RECEIVED ON MAY 18
A HANDWRITTEN LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR CASTRO PURPORTEDLY FROM
TATIANA DEBROY JARA DE CABEZAS POSTMARKED FROM SAO PAULO
BRAZIL ON MAY 5. SRA. JARA DE CABEZAS, SECRETARY OF
THE COMMISSION OF FAMILIES OF DETAINED AND DISAPPEARED
PERSONS (FDD), WAS REPORTED DISAPPEARED ON APRIL 30
AFTER VISITING HER HUSBAND IN A CANCER CLIC. SHE
HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE; HOWEVER, FDD ACQUAINTANCES
REPORTEDLY HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM HER POSTMARKED
FROM URUGUAY AND BRAZIL AND AT LEAST ONE PHONE CALL FROM
HER ATTESTING TO HER GOOD HEALTH. AT FIRST DUBIOUS ABOUT
THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE LETTER SHE RECEIVED, MRS. CABEZAS'
MOTHER REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED THE HANDWRITING WAS HER
DAUGHTER'S--WHICH DOES NOT, OF COURSE, FULLY ADDRESS THE
QUESTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF ITS PREPARATION, OR THE
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LETTER RAISES SEVERAL QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION.

3. (C) IN THE LETTER, -MRS. JARA DE CABEZAS FIRST COPIED A LETTER SHE CLAIMS TO HAVE SENT TO PRESIDENT VIDELA, BUENOS AIRES ARCHBISHOP MONSGR. ARAMBURU, AND THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THEREIN SHE CONTENTS THAT IN HER GRIEF AS MOTHER OF A DISAPPEARED SON, GUSTAVO ALEJANDRO, SHE WAS DUPED INTO WORKING WITH SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS WHICH SHE HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO EXPOSE AND REJECT. SHE DESCRIBES HER SOJOURN TO MEXICO ON JANUARY 2 AT THE BEHEST OF HER EXILED SON DANIEL, A MEMBER OF THE MONTONERO PERONIST MOVEMENT (MPM), WHO PERSUADED HER TO COLLABORATE WITH HIS MONTONERO COMRADES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH HER ACTIVITIES WITH THE FDD. IN MEXICO SHE WAS INTERVIEWED BY MPM ACTIVISTS IN A HOUSE ON CALLE EXTREMADURA NO. 323 OR 332. LATER, THE LETTER GOES ON, MRS. JARA DE CABEZAS MET WITH "CAPITAN" MARIA ANTONIA BERGER, WHO BROUGHT HER TO EUROPE ON MAY 10 TO MEET WITH MONTONERO COLLEAGUES. FIRST IN MADRID, SHE AND BERGER WERE REBUFFED IN ATTEMPTS TO MEET WITH A SPANISH CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND UNSUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING METHODIST PASTOR LUIS POVEDA. LATER IN ROME THE POPE REFUSED TO RECEIVE MRS. JARA DE CABEZAS. HOWEVER, WHILE THERE SHE ATTENDED A WEEKLONG MEETING OF THE MONTONERO LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING MARIO EDUARDO FIRMEINICH, OSCAR BIDEGAIN, JAIME DRI, (SHE NAMES 20 PERSONS IN ALL). AT THE MEETING THE MONTONEROS PLANNED THEIR "COUNTERATTACK" STRATEGY AGAINST THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. SOME OF THE MONTONEROS, JAIME DRI AND RAFAEL LACUZZI, AGREED TO RETURN CLANDESTINELY TO ARGENTINA.

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3. (C) AFTER THE ROME MEETING, MRS. JARA DE CABEZAS RETURNED TO MEXICO CITY TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOTHERS OF PLAZA DE MAYO WHO HAD ARRANGED APPOINTMENTS WITH BISHOPS ATTENDING THE LATIN AMERICAN BISHOPS CONFERENCE IN PUEBLA. LATER, ACCORDING TO THE LETTER, BERGER GAVE HER INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT THE LIGA (LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN, A COMMUNIST-FRONT HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION IN BUENOS AIRES) ON HER RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES.

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4. (C) AT THIS POINT, MRS. JARA DE CABEZAS WRITES THAT SHE REALIZED HER CONTACTS WITH THE MONTONEROS WERE WRONG AND DESTRUCTIVE. SHE EMPHASIZES TO PRESIDENT VIDELA THAT SHE KNOWS HER LIFE IS AT STAKE AS THE MONTONEROS WILL NOT FORGIVE HER BETRAYAL AND SHE DOUBTS THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL UNDERSTAND HER. SHE ASKS VIDELA TO WARN OTHER MOTHERS FROM BEING DUPED BY SUBVERSIVES AND RECOMMENDS HE END THEIR DISTRESS BY EXPLAINING HOW AND WHY THEIR SONS DIED. THE MOTHERS, SHE SAYS, WILL UNDERSTAND AND FORGIVE. SHE ALSO ASKS VIDELA TO HELP THE MOTHERS FROM BEING MANIPULATED BY POLITICAL PARTIES SUCH AS THE COMMUNIST PARTY, (SOCIALIST) WORKERS PARTY AND MONTONEROS.

5. (C) AT THIS POINT THE LETTER IS DIRECTED TO AMBASSADOR CASTRO. MRS. JARA DE CABEZAS POINTS OUT THAT THE US GOVERNMENT IS ALSO MAKING POLITICAL USE OF MOTHERS' GRIEF WHICH COULD LEAD ARGENTINA TO ANOTHER BLOODBATH. SHE ASKS THE AMBASSADOR TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE SO THAT GOA WILL UNDERSTAND, IF IT CANNOT JUSTIFY, HER ATTITUDE AND CONDUCT.

6. (C) THE RETURN ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE IS RTE. PROF.
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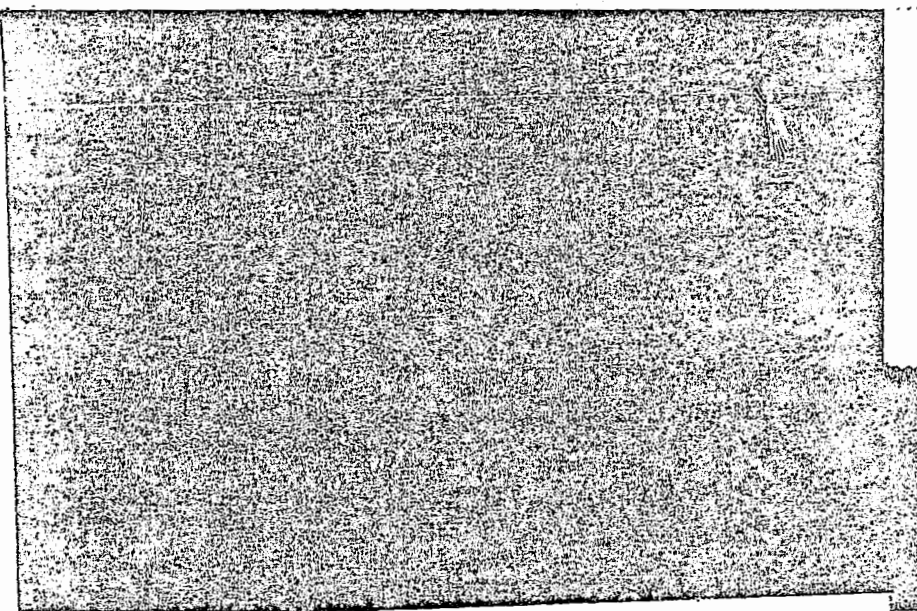
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9. (S) ACTION REQUEST, MEXICO CITY: WOULD APPRECIATE
CONFIRMATION OF THE ADDRESS AND PRESENCE OF DANIEL
JARA DE CABEZAS AND MARIA ANTONIO BERGER IN MEXICO
CITY. ROME: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON ALLEGED MONTONERO MEETING AND PLANS
AND POPE'S REFUSAL TO SEE MRS. JARA DE CABEZAS.
SAO PAULO: BELIEVE REQUEST HAS COME TO YOU ALREADY THROUGH
OTHER CHANNELS.
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